

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 through 9 are currently pending in the application.

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of November 19, 2003.

**Specification Objections**

The Abstract of the Disclosure is objected to because it should be a single paragraph instead of two. Appropriate correction has been made.

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informality: the file history on page 1, line 1 of the specification needs to be updated. Appropriate correction has been made.

**Double Patenting Rejection Based on U.S. Patent No. 6,592,670**

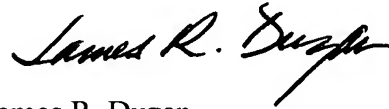
Claims 1 through 9 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims of U.S. Patent 6,592,670. In order to avoid further expenses and time delay, Applicants elect to expedite the prosecution of the present application by filing a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321 (b) and (c). Applicants' filing of the terminal disclaimer should not be construed as acquiescence of the Examiner's double patenting or obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Attached is the terminal disclaimer and accompanying fee.

Applicants submit that claims 1 through 9 are clearly allowable over the cited prior art.

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Applicants request the allowance of claims 1 through 9 and the case passed for issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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